

EDITORIAL

A Long, Faithful Service

News of the retirement of Fred F. Wehmeyer from the U. S. Forest Service reached this office too late for comment on this page. Since he has a few more days in the office such comment will be in good time this week and we endeavor to express our appreciation of his long and faithful service, however feeble that endeavor may be. With the aid of a release from the Umatilla National Forest office at Pendleton it will be an easier task than it otherwise would, for the article gives more of the "case history" than one might pry from Fred.

"Last Thursday, Feb. 15, Fred completed 35 years of government service, six of which were with the U. S. Navy. His first assignment in the forest service was in 1912 on the Chelan National forest in Washington. In 1926 he was transferred to the Umatilla as district ranger at Dayton, Washington. It was 16 years ago this spring that he and his family moved to Heppner.

"Fred's work in the forest service spans a period of remarkable development. He has seen the pack horse give way to the buckboard and finally to the automobile as primary transportation. In his earlier years short logs were skidded and hauled short distances by horses; longer distances by rail. Now logs 32 feet or more in length are skidded by tractors and hauled unbelievable distances on semi-trailers. Fires are fought with power equipment and fire fighters are dropped in parachutes from the skies. Other methods have advanced with equal rapidity. The size, conformation and color of cattle have been tremendously improved with breeding as have the size, conformation and percentage of lambs and the quality and weight of wool clips. Big game animals such as deer and elk have increased in numbers until in many places they find it difficult to reach food enough to enable smaller ones to survive severe winters."

"Fred's retirement will make it possible for him and Mrs. Wehmeyer to devote more time to the numerous activities they have looked forward to during their many busy years in the forest service. Just what they will undertake first has not yet been announced but their many friends here are hoping they continue to make Heppner their home. This newspaper has enjoyed the friendship and

cooperation of Fred Wehmeyer throughout the 16 years of his residence here. His office has always been a fruitful source of information and Fred himself has contributed many articles fraught with old man and retirement is coming at a period in the wisdom of his fertile brain. He is far from an his life when he is still active. The Gazette Times wishes Mr. and Mrs. Wehmeyer the best of health and happiness as they set about to adjust themselves to their new routine. In this we firmly believe all who know them will join us.

Roadside Not Garbage Dump

It takes all kinds of people to make a world and there is one kind that prompts a few lines of protest against a shiftless practice which gives the community a black eye and causes no small amount of worry to municipal, county and state officials. We refer to the habitual dumper of rubbish, and even garbage, along public roads and highways. It is being done in almost any community where rubbish and garbage disposal facilities are not available, yet almost every community has a dump ground somewhere back from the public view yet not too remote from a highway or well traveled road.

Heppner has a dump ground just a short drive from town, quite neatly hidden from view except to those traveling the road near where it is located. Despite this fact one occasionally runs across a pile of tin cans and rubbish slyly unloaded by some nocturnal cleaner-upper who probably pats himself on the back for having disposed of the material so easily.

Complaints have been registered with the county court from different points in the county and the officials are working to put a stop to the nefarious practice. If the points in question have no designated spots for refuse disposal they should make an effort to secure them at once. Neighbors dislike assuming the role of informers and to avoid having to do so should urge use of the regular dump grounds. If their urging goes unheeded they are then fully justified in going to the authorities with what information they may have. To quote Judge Bert Johnson, "We would like to get hold of just one of those guys. We will make the best example of him we know how."

Giles French Gives News and Views Of the Legislature

Although progress was made during the past week on settlement of the major problems confronting this legislature, little was done to smooth the path toward agreement on these problems. As often happens, the first clash between opposing sides widened the breach between them instead of closing it by agreement or compromise. After some tests of strength compromise will be easier.

Probably the bills of importance that are to come before this session are all in. The money problem is uppermost, the ways and means boys have enough requests for money to use up all the income taxes and more too. Salary raises, building programs, money for larger pensions, money for lots of things never heard of before all have strong proponents.

The state is like a shipyard worker who finds his income boosted by war time income. At first he resolves to be careful and save and prepare for a rainy day. After a few years of such prosperity he comes to think that his income will always be large because he is now capable of earning a larger wage and he and his family start spending on a scale beyond their previous habits.

The state has done, and is doing, the same thing. Last session there was some caution, the demands were cut down and provision was made to return the unneeded part of the income to the citizens who paid it. This time it is different. It is as if the state felt that its income from excise and income taxes would always be \$20,000,000 or more and there is determination to pass legislation to cause the state to live up to it.

The sad fact remains that the state's income will drop at the same time as will that of the shipyard worker will be a matter of hindsight instead of foresight it now appears, unless the cooler heads can prevail on the demanders to take care lest the state be over extended.

The newspapers are already talking about when the session will end. The reporters are tired of hurrying from one committee room to another, listening to ranters and ravers and some prepared statements. They want to go home. The legislator would want to go home too, if they could finish the job, but, nearly all still have something of personal importance to them still in the mill.

A brief listing, in round figures of the requests may be illuminating. It is estimated by the tax commission that the income taxes will bring in around \$16,000,000 after the 30 percent deduction is taken. From this we will need the state expenses that used to be over \$9,000,000, the \$5,000,000 cushion is already there and need not be considered although there is sentiment to increase it. The elementary school tax must be paid next (rather, before the cushion is taken. That is \$3,000,000.

From the remaining, if there is anything remaining, the elementary schools want \$5,000,000, higher education wants \$1,500,000, and other groups including the counties that would like to have \$3,000,000 with which to pay their county school fund, want some too. You see, that the plan to give back any income tax is having difficulty.

This difficulty is worse when the salary increases and other costs are considered for the former \$9,000,000 of state costs will probably be nearer \$12,000,000.

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